



Carolina Raven announces her candidacy for Miss Universe Aruba

The setting of the Aruba Surfside Marina was the perfect place for lovely young Carolina Raven to announce that she will compete for the Miss Universe Aruba 2006 title. The fundraising event attracted many friends and acquaintances who believe she should go on to represent Aruba in the Miss Universe Pageant in 2007.

Flanked by her proud father Albert and mother Martha, this gracious and elegant young lady welcomed well-wishers during the launching that was assisted by her many sponsors. The Surfside Marina along with Aruba Trading Company, which provided the Barton & Guestier wine for the evening are strong supporters of her candidacy. During the reception, entertainment was provided by Mario Arends and his "Magic Steel Drums" while guests enjoyed a film chronicle of Carolina's many accomplishments and past pageant triumphs.

Edgar Kock, make-up and hair stylist and clothes designer extraordinaire enhanced Carolina's natural beauty and has volunteered his services throughout the months of events leading up to the final competition. Other sponsors, such as Red Sail Sports and De Palm Tours provided door prizes for the evening of festivities.

Carolina displayed her articulation and intelligence as she stood before the gathering and thanked the many vendors and individuals that will make it possible for her to compete in the pageant. She also made a donation of 500 Arubian Florins to Deputy Commissioner of Police, Trudy Hassell, head of the "Let's Talk" Foundation, which is devoted to the island's youth. Carolina believes strongly in the work of the foundation, and is conscious of her being a well-known figure on Aruba. She hopes she can provide a role model for other young women not only by competing in pageants, but also pursuing an education.

Carolina, twenty-two years old, is finishing at the Hospitality Management and Tourism sector of the E.P.I School and plans to continue and obtain a degree in business.

THE NEWS welcomes this charming and worthwhile candidate for Miss Aruba, and wishes her the best of success in all her endeavors!